

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

**BRIAN G.,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**COMMISSIONER OF  
SOCIAL SECURITY,**

**Defendant.**


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 : **Case No. 2:21-cv-1831**  
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 : **Chief Judge Algenon L. Marbley**  
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 : **Magistrate Judge Elizabeth P. Deavers**  
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## ORDER

This cause coming before the Court on the joint motion of the parties, due notice having been given, and the Court being fully advised, it is therefore **ORDERED** that:

1. The parties' Joint Stipulation for an Award of Attorney's Fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act (ECF No. 21) is **ACCEPTED**. The Commissioner shall pay Plaintiff's attorney fees in the amount of \$5,500.00, and no costs.
2. Counsel for the parties shall verify whether or not Plaintiff owes a pre-existing debt to the United States subject to offset, consistent with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010). If no such pre-existing debt exists, Defendant shall pay the fee award directly to Plaintiff's counsel pursuant to the EAJA assignment signed by Plaintiff.
3. This case remains terminated on the Court's docket.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
ALGENON D. MARBLEY  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

**DATED: August 8, 2022**